(d) Field Staff conduct checks at Fair Price Shops and SKO shops from time to time. Complaints from consumers are promptly attended to.

(e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Exploitation of Child Labour in Uttar Pradesh

1204. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 150,000 children employed by carpet manufacturers in Bhadohi and Varanasi region of Uttar Pradesh are facing exploitation in terms of wages, hours of work and working conditions etc;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in the Indian Express of the 2nd June, 1990 in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (d) Government is aware of the news item referred to. A report from the State Government of U.P. which is the appropriate Government in the matter is awaited.

Recommendations of the Committee on Industrial Relation Act

1205. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee appointed to advise/suggest changes in the Industrial Relations Act, has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, the main recommendations thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Rehabilitation, Education, Training and Employment of Disabled Persons

1206. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enact a legislation covering the aspects of rehabilitation, education, training and employment of the disabled persons; and

(b) if so, the details of steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Non Deposits of Employees Share of PF by APPU GHAR

1207. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Management of APPU GHAR, in Exhibition ground, New Delhi has failed in depositing the amounts deducted from the wages of its employees with the Provident Fund Authority and Employees Insurance Authority;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/being taken under the new provisions of the Provident Fund Act?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) The available information is as given below:

I. *Provident Fund dues*: The establishment has paid the dues upto June, 1990.

II. *ESI dues*. The estblishment has paid the dues upto June, 1990 except the contribution amounting to Rs. 6499 on account of omitted wages which was detected during inspection of records. A demand letter has been issued for recover of this amount.

(c) Does not arise.

Violation of Labour Laws in Public Sector

1208. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item under the caption "Public Sector flouts labour laws" which appeared in the Sunday Observer dated the 15th July, 1990; and

(b) if so, what action was taken against the employers for violation of labour laws and to ensure that the labour laws are implemented by the employers?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) According to the information received from the Delhi Administration, the Labour Deptt. had carried out several inspections to detect violations of provisions of the Conduct Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970 by the contractors at several construction sites. A number of sites inspected related to construction projects of Public Sector Undertakings. The contractors concerned were directed to rectify the violations of the Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970 committed by them. Prosecutions have since been launched against those contractors who failed to rectify the violations in spite of opportunity given to them.

Reservation for the Handicapped Persons in Services

1209. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the reservation of jobs for the handicapped including the mentally handicapped persons, to enable them to lead a life with dignity; if so, the details in this regard; and

(b) what is the estimated number of persons in the country who are mentally handicapped; and what steps are being taken to identify such of them as are capable of carrying out different types of jobs?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) 3 per cent vacancies, 1 percent each for the blind, deaf and orthopaedically handicapped have been reserved in Group C and D posts in Central Government offices and comparable posts/services in Central Sector undertakings. There is no proposal under consideration to increase the reservation in Group C and D posts. However, the matter for reservation of posts for physically handicapped in Group A and B is under examination.

(b) No reliable statistics are available regarding mentally retarded persons in the country. The work of rehabilitation which includes identification is done by a network of Vocational Rehabilitation Centres and Voluntary Organisations.